



THE LATEST FROM THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

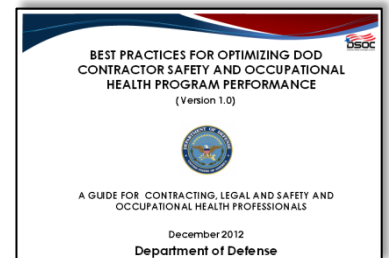
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**1. Summer Safety Campaign Material Available** – You can find off-duty/recreation and traffic-safety resources for the 2013 summer safety campaign on our website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/media/seasonal/index.aspx>. We've posted two main presentations. One is for larger audiences. A second ("Written in Blood," based on last summer's mishaps) is for smaller, interactive venues where discussion is an option. You'll also find handouts, posters and links to other Navy and federal resource pages. For visitors with band-width limitations, we have broken the presentations into smaller pieces to make them easier to download.



**2. Contractor Safety Guide Can Help Improve Total Lifecycle Management, Increase Buying Power** – Contracts, like safety, touch just about everything in the Navy and Marine Corps. Ignoring high-risk tasks or assuming that the contractors have it all covered is naïve. No commanding officer wants a contractor to die during his or her watch, nor have a major contract disruption, nor have bad press.

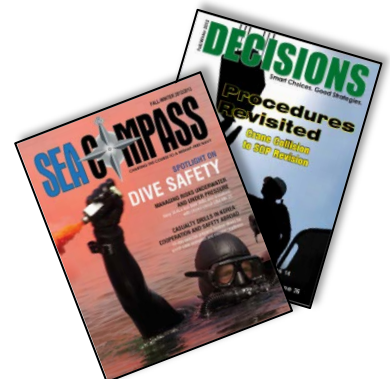
Last year, Navy led a project sponsored by the Defense Safety Oversight Council to develop a best practices guide to optimize contractor safety and occupational health program compliance. The guide—intended for contracting, legal and safety and occupational health professionals—outlines the roles of each community, pulls guidance all into one easy-to-use reference, shares best practices, and provides tips on what to avoid. It describes best practices from NAVFAC, NAVSEA, BUMED, CNIC, and others. It also contains a case study from a 2012 PBS "Frontline" program on contractor employees who were killed when they fell from cell phone towers (we have these towers on some of our bases).



A contractor-safety course was given last month at the DOD Safety Conference. Course content and the guide are available on the Naval Safety Center website at [http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/pages/osh/shoreosh/contractor\\_safety.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/pages/osh/shoreosh/contractor_safety.aspx).

Share the guide and encourage the contracts and safety communities to talk to each other. Remember that the legal community might have a role to play, as well. Together, we can help the Navy and Marine Corps reduce risk, fix hazards, prevent mishaps, save lives and save money.

**3. Articles Wanted for Sea Compass and Decisions Magazines** – We are looking for articles on risk management and personal stories about mishap prevention, hazard awareness, and other safety-related commentaries. We welcome submissions related to on-duty operations and off-duty activities. *Sea Compass* is the magazine for ship, submarine and diving risk management (<http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/media/sea-compass/Index.aspx>). *Decisions* is for shore, ground and industrial operations



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Articles should focus on best practices, lessons learned, PPE use, BZs, ORM, checklists, and other aspects of risk and resource management. Areas of interest include:

- Ergonomics
- Weapons (handling, storage)
- High-risk activities (including training)
- Seasonal
- Driving (PMV, motorcycle, ATV)
- Drug and alcohol
- Personal safety (health, recreation, fitness)
- Home hazards

Please send submissions to the editor at [evelyn.odango@navy.mil](mailto:evelyn.odango@navy.mil).

#### 4. Do You Think You Know How Much Mishaps Cost the Navy and Marine Corps? --

According to the data that we post on our website and use in presentations, mishaps cost the Department of the Navy \$1.02B last year. That's the official figure—but there's more to the story. The total cost was much higher. Numerous factors affect the calculation, including DoD guidance and underreporting (medical visits by Navy personnel for injuries and occupational illness cost roughly \$500M last year, but only about a quarter of the resulting in-patient hospitalizations were reported as mishaps). A large amount of costs that aren't included in the billion dollars mentioned above are post-mishap benefits that don't come out of the DoD budget, such as Social Security and DIC (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation). The billion dollars does include those multi-million-dollar aircraft that became smoking holes or that are sitting in 10,000 feet of water. And yes, a billion dollars is a lot, but that's still only the beginning. For more on the topic, check out the Naval Safety Center blog, "Beyond the Friday Funnies," at <http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/media/nsclub/Mar2013.aspx>.



5. Afloat Safety Officers, Have You Checked Out "Safety Gouge"? – "Safety Gouge" is growing library of handout-style resources aimed at afloat safety officers and division officers who are interested in completing their bi-monthly OSH training requirements for afloat personnel. Issues are produced by the Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center ([www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/navsafenvtracen/](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/navsafenvtracen/)) and the Naval Safety Center ([www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/)). Each issue clarifies and simplifies a particular topic, including safety program basics, sight conservation, respiratory protection, hearing conservation, gas-free engineering, heat stress and tagout. "Safety Gouge" is formatted so that it can be easily modified and used at quarters or muster. Check out the complete collection at [www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/safety-gouge/SafetyGouge.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen/Pages/safety-gouge/SafetyGouge.aspx). The latest issue is #14, which discusses ergonomics.

